

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 252

January 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires rural electric cooperatives (co-op) installing, operating, or using equipment that delivers electricity to one or more customers to comply with relevant national standards. Establishes that any equipment that delivers electricity to one or more customers is subject to inspection by a state-certified electrical inspector.

Requires a rural electric co-op to notify the applicable non-consumer owned or public electric system before transmitting electricity to one or more customers through a power distribution grid so the non-consumer owned or public electric system may be present for testing.

Establishes that a non-consumer owned or public electric system is not liable for any fines, penalties, injuries, or damages arising from a rural electric co-op's installation of electric equipment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Inspections of electrical installations are currently conducted by Deputy Electrical Inspectors (DEIs) contracted by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI).
- The proposed legislation codifies current practice established under the DCI's Division of Fire Prevention Rules for electrical installations, Chapter 0780-02-01.
- Rural electric co-ops notifying the non-consumer owned or public electric system before an electric installation will have no significant impact to the policies or procedures of public electric systems or local government.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Inspections of electrical installations are currently conducted by DEIs contracted by DCI.
- Rural electric co-ops can notify the non-consumer owned or public electric system before an electric installation within existing resources.
- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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